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*Representatives of five Anglican Religious Communities
at Nanki Convent, Iwata.*

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Oyama kindergarten children enjoy the fishpond at St. Michael's Monastery.

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(Thoughts from the Father Provincial)

During the year that I have been back in Japan as Provincial Superior very few changes have been made. Except for Fr. Clayton's appointment as Assistant Superior of the American Congregation of the Society, made by the Father Superior in November, hence out of our hands, the external life of the Society in Japan remains much as it has been. That is, we ourselves have noticed no great change. Whether there is any change in attitude or atmosphere noticeable by others, but not by ourselves, we cannot tell. That's one of those things that needs an impartial outside observer for evaluation. We hope and pray that there will always be growth and change for the better, but for that we rely on the Holy Spirit working within us.

The immediate effect of Fr. Clayton's

appointment will not really be felt until next winter, when he returns to America upon Bp. Viall's return from furlough, God willing. But from the time it was announced we were aware of its meaning, namely that for some time to come we shall be short handed at St. John's House, where, as far as we can tell, our missionary work is showing more and more good results. We ask our friends to pray along with us that some way may be found to increase our numbers in Japan, if it be God's will.

Recently we have received a very eager invitation to open a branch house in another part of Japan. At the moment, for lack of numbers, we are unable to accept this invitation, though we have made it clear that if the time comes when we have enough members of the Society in Japan to do so, we shall be glad to open a branch house in that area. Ideally, if some aspirants could come to us from the Diocese which has invited us, and a few additional members of the Society could be sent from America, or even from England or Canada, the combination would enable us to work both directly in giving instruction in Japanese, and indirectly through the usual missionary method of offering English conversation classes, as we do in Tokyo now. (Even those who may ultimately never develop an interest in the Church can benefit from English classes taught by those whose native language it is. Hence, in either case we are able to do something helpful for other people.)

Among our plans for the immediate future is a conference for Priest Associates of the Society in Japan, scheduled for July 16-17. The English and Canadian Congregations have recently made extensive studies of the Rule of Life for Associates, and the mutual relationship

between Associates and the Society. We hope that enough interest can be shown by our Associates in Japan so that here also a work of renewal can take place. By this we don't mean external changes as much as a renewal of the proper attitude towards the Associate relationship in the present age. One of the things the English Congregation and its Associates have said is that Associates are more than just friends of the Society. We need many friends who will help to support us by their interest in our work and by their prayers and offerings. But beyond that there is a smaller number of those who desire a deeper relationship with the Society, working together with us, even if separated geographically, for a deepening of our common spiritual life. If changes in the Rule of Life for Associates in Japan are needed, steps can be taken to make proper changes. If a change in attitude, or even a renewal of the original impulse

for becoming an associate is needed, we pray that the Holy Spirit will work among us to bring about such change and renewal.

D.E.A.

PROGRESS REPORT ON NIKKO

Fr. Oyama and the members of the church at Nikko, in thinking about the repair work of the church, especially the best way of roofing, desired to keep the beauty of that fine church building as designed by Mr. James Gardiner. Last year they found a good workman who was able to assure them that he could do the repair work reusing the old roof slates. In detail that means that the workers take the slates down and repair the rotten boards underneath, and then restore the slates again. The work was begun in April, after the cold and snow were over in Nikko. The work was completed towards the end of May, and the



Fr. Oyama, Fr. Kitamura, and parishioners at Nikko.

ceremony of thanksgiving for the completion was held on the 3rd of June.

We are very grateful that our work has been so successful. It was possible only with the assistance of generous and warm hearted contributions from our friends overseas. But due to rising costs we are still about \$1,500. short. Again we appeal for the help of our readers.

In April Fr. Simon, R. Kitamura, a Priest Associate of the Society, began to live at Nikko in place of the Rev. Anthony S. Matsumura (Deacon), who is now at the Diocesan Conference Center in Shiki, on the outskirts of Tokyo. The members of the Church at Nikko are very pleased to welcome their first resident priest. The church continues to be under the care of the SSJE, and Fr. Oyama still goes there once a month. During April and May he went there more often than that.

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PEN EVANGELISM

Fr. Sakurai's book of meditations on "The Dominical Words" (*Christo no Mikotoba*) was received from the printer in mid-November, and continues to sell well. He completed the second book in the series, "The Apostolic Words", in April, but it cannot go to the printer until more money is raised for printing costs. He is presently at work on the third, and last volume of the series of Scriptural meditations, "Old Testament Words".

Our other publications sell well, and we are presently in need of money for reprinting several for which there is still a steady demand. Donations may be sent directly to St. Michael's Monastery, or (for income-tax deduction purposes) they

may be sent to the Father Superior, 980 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A., 02138, or to the Father Superior General, SSJE, 16 Marston Street, OXFORD, England. They should be marked clearly "For Japanese Publications Department", or for whatever purpose you wish to give them. Otherwise we may not receive them.



Fr. Sakurai ringing the Angelus, Oyama.

COMMUNITY NOTES

St. Michael's Monastery

At the request of Mother Theresa Fukada of the Community of Divine Charity Fr. Allen went to the Kamitonda branch house, the Nanki Convent, of that community on the 7th of November to bless the new bell for the Sisters. It was a memorable occasion, for in addition to Fr. Allen and the Sisters, representatives of three other Anglican

religious communities were there, as well as local clergy and townspeople of the Iwata section of Kamitonda. Fr. Moses Kimata, Society of the Sacred Mission (Kelham Fathers), Mother Juliet, Community of the Epiphany, Truro, England, and Mother Chiyo, Community of Nazareth, Tokyo, were special guests along with Fr. Allen. Mother Theresa and Sr. Clara Koizumi represented the Mother House of the CDC at Haruna-So.

After the bell was christened and the guests had had tea and cake, the special guests were taken to visit a tangerine orchard, where they could pick their own fresh fruit. The Kii peninsula, where the convent is located, is famous for its tangerines. Later they saw the site where the new convent is proposed to be built. The following day the representatives of the five Religious Communities were taken sight seeing at Shirahama, on the seacoast, before continuing their travels—some to Kyoto, and Fr. Allen to Nagoya, before returning to the Kanto Area (where Tokyo, Oyama, and Haruna-So are located).

On the 23rd of November Fr. Allen, Fr. Koizumi, and Fr. Oyama attended the Kita-Kanto (North Kanto) Diocesan convention at All Saints' Church, Urawa.

The Ecumenical Religious Life Group (which we wrote about in the last issue of MITSUKAI) met at St. Michael's Monastery, Oyama, the 27th and 28th of November. Fr. Allen presented a paper on "Anglican Contributions to the Ecumenical Movement", and Fr. Oyama presented one on "Holy Obedience". There was also further discussion of the Protestant Community at Taizé.

Fr. Allen visited Haruna-So for the First Vows of Sr. Elizabeth Shimizu on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30), at which time two Oblates of the Sisters



Fr. Kimura with Sr. Elizabeth Shimizu, CDC, (rt.) and two Oblates who made promises the same day, at Haruna-So.

renewed their promises, and Miss Hachisu, who helps look after the needs of Fr. Kimura, was received as an Oblate probationer. On the 3rd of December he attended an all day study session on the problems of the Viet Nam war, held at the International Christian University in Tokyo.

Fr. Koizumi took Christmas and New Year's services at Haruna-So, and then visited his parents at Kumagaya over the New Year's holidays. Fr. Oyama had services at Ashikaga and Nikko on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day respectively, but was at the Monastery for New Year's Day. Fr. Allen and Fr. Sakurai spent both holidays at the Monastery.

Fr. Allen and Fr. Oyama attended meetings of the Showa-kai, a study group for the younger clergy of the Kita Kanto Diocese, at the beginning of November, in mid-January, and on the 20th of March.

Fr. Allen attended meetings of the Ecumenical Religious Life Group Feb. 26-27 at Kiyosato (KEEP), and at the

Lutheran Conference Center at Hakone May 27-28. On the 1st and 2nd of March he and Bp. Viall attended a conference of American Episcopal Church missionaries in Tokyo at which the problems of the American Church were discussed, along with the effect which those problems, and the revised budget, are having on the overseas mission work of the Church.

During Lent Fr. Allen preached at Evening Prayer in Japanese at St. John's House every Sunday but one, when Fr. Koizumi took his place when he was at Haruna-So. After the service each week there is a time for discussion in the Common Room.

Fr. Koizumi attended a reunion of graduates of the Bp. Williams Theological Training College in Kyoto from the 4th to the 6th of March, and then



Fr. Koizumi teaching a deacon how to celebrate the Eucharist. The Rev. Samuel Akiyama, St. Andrew's Church Aomori, one of many trained by Fr. Koizumi.



Fr. Michael Haratani's gravestone.

visited the churches of one of his classmates at Kaya and Miyazu, on the Japan Sea side of the Kyoto Diocese until the 8th.

On the 20th of March Fr. Allen and Fr. Oyama attended the dedication of the new Diocesan Center at Omiya, built next to the church.

On the 24th of March Mrs. Shige Haratani, mother of our late Fr. Michael Haratani, and her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, together with several of Fr. Haratani's friends, visited the Monastery on their way to Nikko. It was the first time Mrs. Haratani had had a chance to see the Memorial Hall and Fr. Haratani's new gravestone. On the same day children from the Sawarabi Kindergarten of St. Michael's Church, Oyama, with some of the teachers and mothers, were having a graduation picnic in St. Michael's Hall, so Mrs. Haratani could see it in use, as well as being able to meet others of Fr. Haratani's friends



Fr. Oyama with Fr. Haratani's mother, sister, brother-in-law, and niece, St. Michael's Hall.

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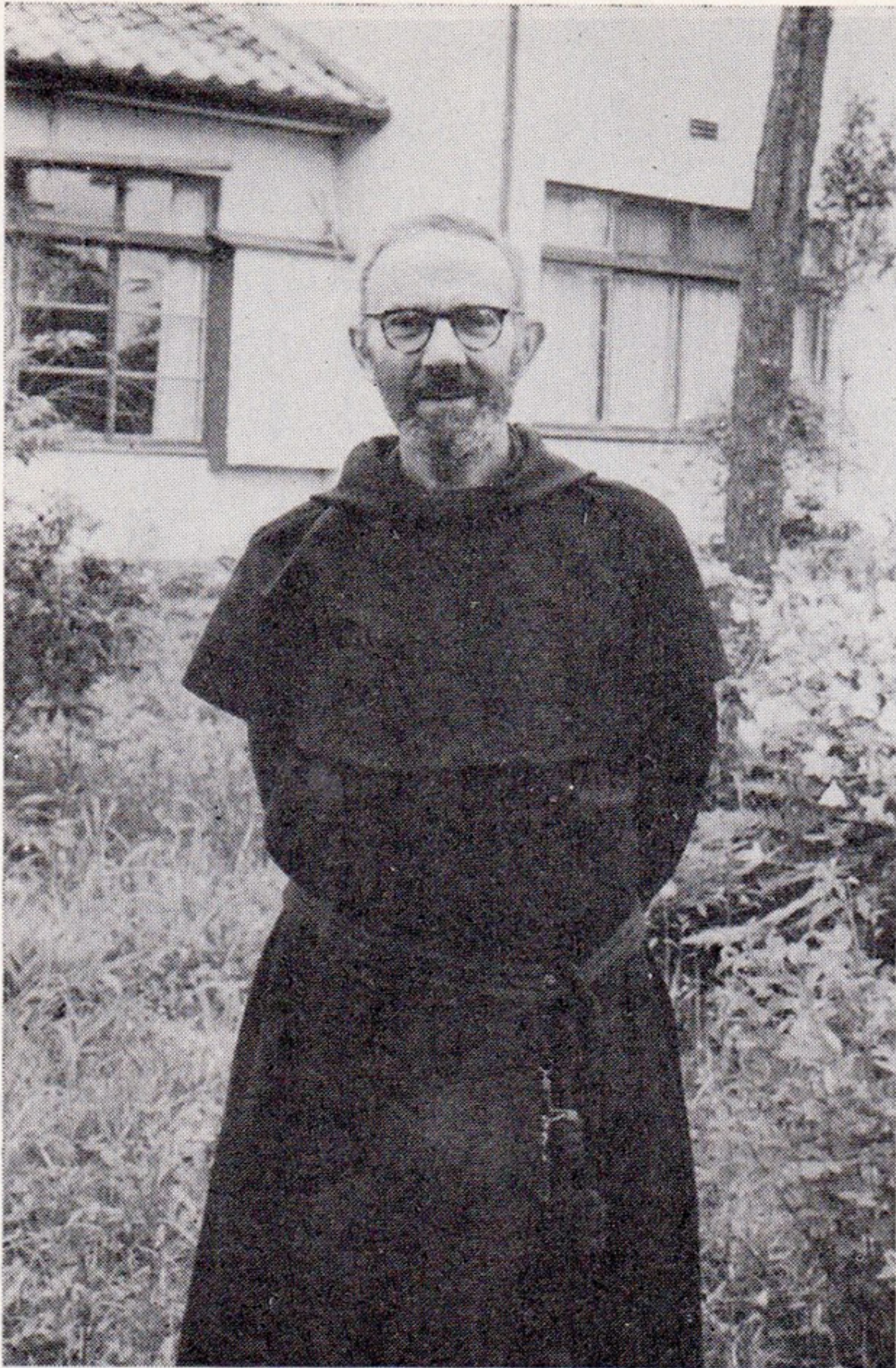
The Mother Superior and the Warden of the Community of Divine Charity have asked us to send a Father once each year to the Nanki Convent, their branch house in Wakayama Ken, to conduct a retreat for the Sisters who teach in the kindergarten at Iwata, Kamitonda. This spring, from the 25th to the 27th of March, Fr. Oyama was assigned as the first such retreat conductor. During the two day retreat he gave the Sisters two addresses based on the proposed revision of the Rule of the SSJE drawn up by Fr. Triffitt, Superior General of the English Congregation. Fr. Oyama was very much impressed at seeing how the Sisters devoted themselves to their work, and received strong cooperation from the parents of the kindergarten children.

Fr. Oyama then went to Nogata, in Northern Kyushu, at the request of one of our Priest Associates, the Rev. Andrew K. Yamada, to visit his churches at Nogata and Iizuke, and preach there

on Sunday, March 31. He also spoke on the Religious Life at meetings at both of these churches. Although they knew little about the Religious Life, they showed a strong interest in what he had to say. While he was in Kyushu he also was able to visit one of his Seminary classmates, now at the Church in Nagasaki. He returned from Kyushu on April 2, and has been busy since then overseeing the repair work on the Church of the Transfiguration, Nikko.

Fr. Allen went to the Kyoto Diocese from the 18th to the 22nd of April at the invitation of the Rev. Stephen S. Miyagishi, now a Priest Associate Probationer, to preach twice, at the churches under his care at Kaya and Miyazu, and to speak to five Sunday School groups on the Religious Life. It was his first visit to the West Coast of the Kyoto Diocese, and he found it an interesting area, especially beautiful just then with both cherry trees and azaleas in bloom.

It is hoped that each of the Fathers who are able to travel can be invited to



*Fr. Gregory Wilkins, SSM;
The Father Director of Kelham visits
the Cowley Fathers at Oyama.*

preach in various parts of Japan two or three times each year.

May 19-20 we had as our guests The Rev. Fr. Gregory Wilkins, SSM, Father Director of the Kelham Fathers, and Fr. Moses Kimata, SSM, who has been working at Kofu in the Yokohama Diocese for about a year and a half. Fr. Wilkins has been visiting the Australian Province of the Society of the Sacred Mission, and spent approximately one month in Japan. He then went on to South Korea for two weeks before returning to England. It is hoped that the Kelham Fathers can open a house in Japan (on an experimental basis at first) in the near future. There is a

saying that it takes two sticks to make a fire. We look forward to the presence of another Anglican men's Religious Community in Japan, and pray that cooperation between the two will work to our mutual benefit.

Fr. Allen, as the Provincial Superior, visits St. John's House at least twice a month, and it has been possible for one of the other Fathers from Oyama to visit there occasionally also. In addition we try to take part in as many Diocesan activities as possible, including the annual Clergy conference, held this year at Ikaho Hot Springs, across the mountain from Haruna-So, May 30-June 1.

ST. JOHN'S HOUSE

Early in December word was received from the Mother House in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that Fr. Clayton had been appointed Assistant Superior of the



Fr. Clayton in his office, Cambridge.

American Congregation of the Society, and installed on November 23. This appointment was made to allow Fr. Wessinger to take part in some special ecumenical work. At the time of Fr. Clayton's return to America, probably early in December, when Bp. Viall is expected to return to Japan from his furlough, a new superior for St. John's House will be appointed. Probably this can be announced in the next issue of MI TSUKAI.

After Fr. Clayton's departure for furlough last October 16 Fr. Rowell took over all of the English conversation classes at St. John's House, and at two schools nearby. There is hardly a day of the week when he does not have one class, or sometimes even two. In addition to this he continues to be in charge of the Episcopal Congregation at the U.S. Navy Base at Yokosuka. Somehow, in between these duties, he has also managed to make several side trips, bringing home interesting photographs of Japan's historic castles and museums.

Bp. Viall attended the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Edmund L. Browning as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Okinawa on the 5th of January, and took part in the ceremony. While in Okinawa he made his annual visitation as warden of the Community of Nazareth to the branch house, St. George's Convent. After that he paid a week's visit to Fr. Morse in Taipei.

At the request of Bp. Yashiro of Kobe, Bp. Viall made several visitations for Confirmation from February 17th to 28th in the San-in district and at Akashi, renewing old acquaintances at Yonago, Kurashiki, and Akashi.

Fr. Allen extended his usual mid-month visit to St. John's House to include Sunday, the 18th of February,

when he officiated at the wedding of Koyo Iwasaki and Takako Kunishima in the chapel of St. John's House. In spite of an unusually heavy snowfall three days before, everything went well, and the reception was held in the Guest House.

Bp. Viall relinquished the pastoral care of St. Martin's Congregation at Grant Heights American Air Force Housing Area to the newly arrived Episcopal Chaplain, Robert Sloan, from the end of February. Various Fathers of the Society, as well as other missionaries, have been in charge of St. Martin's Congregation, but off and on over the years Bp. Viall has probably been in charge of the pastoral care and conduct of services there longer than anyone else. It is likely that from time to time we shall be asked, as Bp. Viall has been already on two occasions, to take services at Grant Heights in the absence of



Fr. Allen officiating at the Iwasaki wedding at St. John's House.



*Evening Prayer at St. John's House.
Discussion in the Common Room.*



Fr. Allen preaching.

the Chaplain.

At Evensong on Easter Day Bp. Viall baptized Andrew Hajime Matsumura in the chapel of St. John's House. He is the young son of our gardener, who was baptized at St. John's House two and a half years ago. Both of them can be seen on the left end of the sofa in the picture of the discussion in the Common Room. Several other Baptisms were scheduled for Whitsunday, June 2, and performed by Fr. Clayton, assisted by Fr. Allen.

Fr. Clayton arrived safely back in Japan on the 9th of May and was met by a group from St. John's House, and other friends and former students.

The annual outdoor Solemn Mass and Open House in honor of St. John, our patron Saint, was held this year on the 11th of May. In spite of clouds in the early morning the weather turned out to be fair and sunny, and there was a good attendance. Bp. Viall was Celebrant, as usual. Fr. Allen and Fr. Koi-

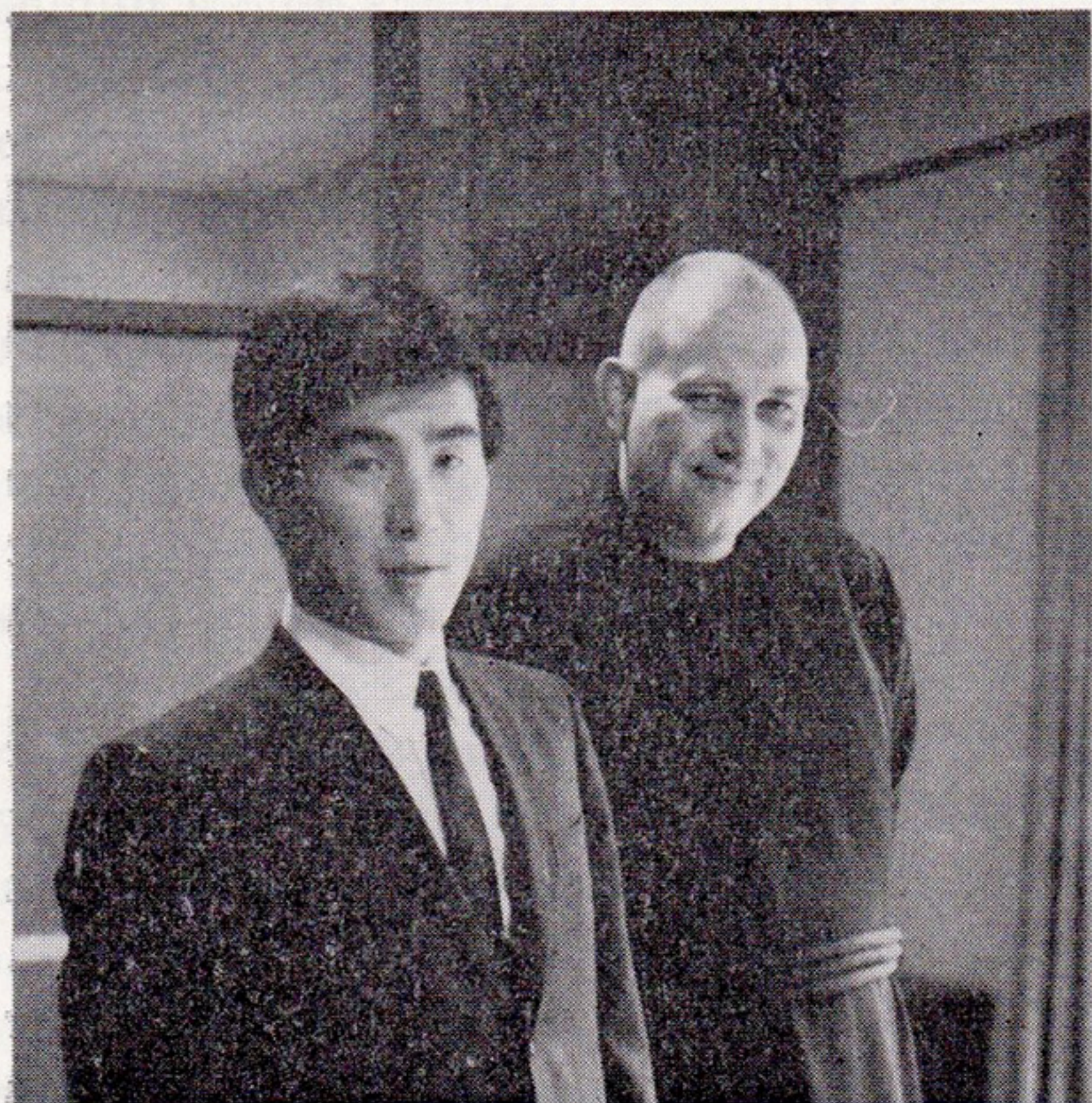
zumi came from Oyama to be Deacon and Subdeacon. This year's Open House served also as a welcome party for Fr. Clayton and a farewell party for Bp. Viall, who left on the 18th for a six or seven month furlough in England and the United States. An article by Bp. Viall about his furlough plans is included in this issue. A good crowd went to the pier in Yokohama to see him off.

Among the guests at the Open House, which included Japanese friends and neighbors, American families from the Armed Forces bases, and various missionaries and others, we were happy to have Fr. Gregory Wilkins, SSM, the Father Director of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, England, and Fr. Moses Kimata, SSM, both of whom stayed at St. John's House overnight.

Fr. Takeda, SSJE, continues to be in charge of Grace Church Setagaya Ku, Tokyo. This spring he published another book of essays entitled, *Seibo no Hokuro*

("The Holy Mother's Mole). The title is based on the Near Eastern belief that a facial mole is a mark of beauty.

During the past year, in addition to the two houseboys, several Christian students have been living at St. John's House. Allowing two or three such students who cannot afford to live in an ordinary lodging house or dormitory to live with us, and providing them with a Christian environment, is something which we can do for the Japanese Church. One of them, Paul Toyoshima, graduated from Rikkyo University at the end of March, and now has a good job in one of the trading companies. At the end of the Winter term the Kita Kanto Diocesan Student Center at Shiki was closed, to be reopened as a conference center, and Michael Matsumoto, a second year Rikkyo student, and son of one of our Priest Associates, moved from there to St. John's House. The other two presently living with us are Christopher David Ohgo, previously a houseboy, once



Paul Toyoshima, who lived at St. John's House this year, with Fr. Rowell, on the day of his graduation from Rikkyo.

again living at St. John's House, who attends Meiji Gakuin University, and James Fujii, a third generation Christian from Fukuoka, Kyushu, who is a first year student at Rikkyo.

LETTER FROM BISHOP VIAL

9 May 1968

At the time of writing this, the day of my departure is less than two weeks away. In spite of good intentions to get a letter written to let you know of my itinerary and plans, I find myself now busy with preparations and, of course, social and other commitments which will take a good deal of my remaining time. So I must be brief in letting you know the bare outline of what I shall be doing in the next three months.

18 May depart from Yokohama by MS Khabarovsk.

20 May arrive Nakhodka, leave by train for Khabarovsk.

21 May arrive Khabarovsk, leave by plane for Moscow.

22 May in Moscow, leave by night train for Leningrad.

23 May in Leningrad.

25 May leave Leningrad for Stockholm.

27 May leave Stockholm for Copenhagen.

28 May leave Copenhagen for Frankfurt for three days in Wiesbaden and Heidelberg.

31 May leave Frankfurt for London.

I shall be staying off and on during June with the Stewart's at Taplow. I have three engagements to preach, at Taplow, Winscombe, and Somerton; a retreat for priests at the Convent of the Epiphany in Truro; and a tour with my sister and niece already scheduled. Other visits are not yet settled.

The Lambeth Conference will keep me



Bp. Viall and Fr. Koizumi on the day of the Open House, May 11, 1968.

occupied from July 25th to August 25th, though I am invited to visit Gloucester diocese the week-end of August 16th. After Lambeth a conference of Liturgical Consultants is arranged which I shall attend. Then on or about August 29th I expect to leave for Cambridge, Massachusetts. In America I have so far only one commitment, a sermon in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York, September 29th.

I hope I shall have opportunity for visits to many of you but much will depend on what the Father Superior expects me to do and so far he has given me no indication of his plans or wishes. I am sure, in any case, that what visits I can make will depend a good deal on invitations to preach or speak. So, if you or your parish priests want me, it will be well to write asking for an appointment.

My address in England will be St. Edward's House, 22 Great College Street, Westminster, SW 1, from June 1st to August 25th.

In the USA: 980 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, from about September 1st.

Faithfully yours,

✠ KENNETH ABBOTT VIAL, SSJE

COMMUNITY OF DIVINE CHARITY

On the 7th of November, which was a warm, sunny day, the bell given last summer to the branch house of the Sisters at Kamitonda, on the Kii peninsula, was blessed by Fr. Allen, Provincial Superior, SSJE, assisted by Fr. Mizutani, the convent chaplain. The first ringing of the bell was done by Mother Juliet of the Community of the Epiphany, Truro, England, who was in Japan for a visit on her way to New Zealand. The bell was given the name Raphael.

Other guests at the christening service included Fr. Moses Kimata of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Mother Chiyo of the Community of Nazareth, some of the priests from nearby towns, and a number of the people of the Iwata district of Kamitonda. It was a happy occasion for everyone. Fr. Mizutani explained to the guests the meaning of the bell being rung at times of prayer. Now when the townspeople hear the bell ring in the morning, at noon, and in the evening their hearts are comforted because they know the Sisters are praying for the town and for the world.

At Haruna, after a very long, hard cold wave had pressed down upon everyone, Spring, like the goddess of the ancient myths, suddenly burst forth and the sisters found themselves once more busily engaged in activities. Seeing the flowers bloom, first the plum trees, then the cherry and peach, and the spirea and azaleas on the mountainsides, various

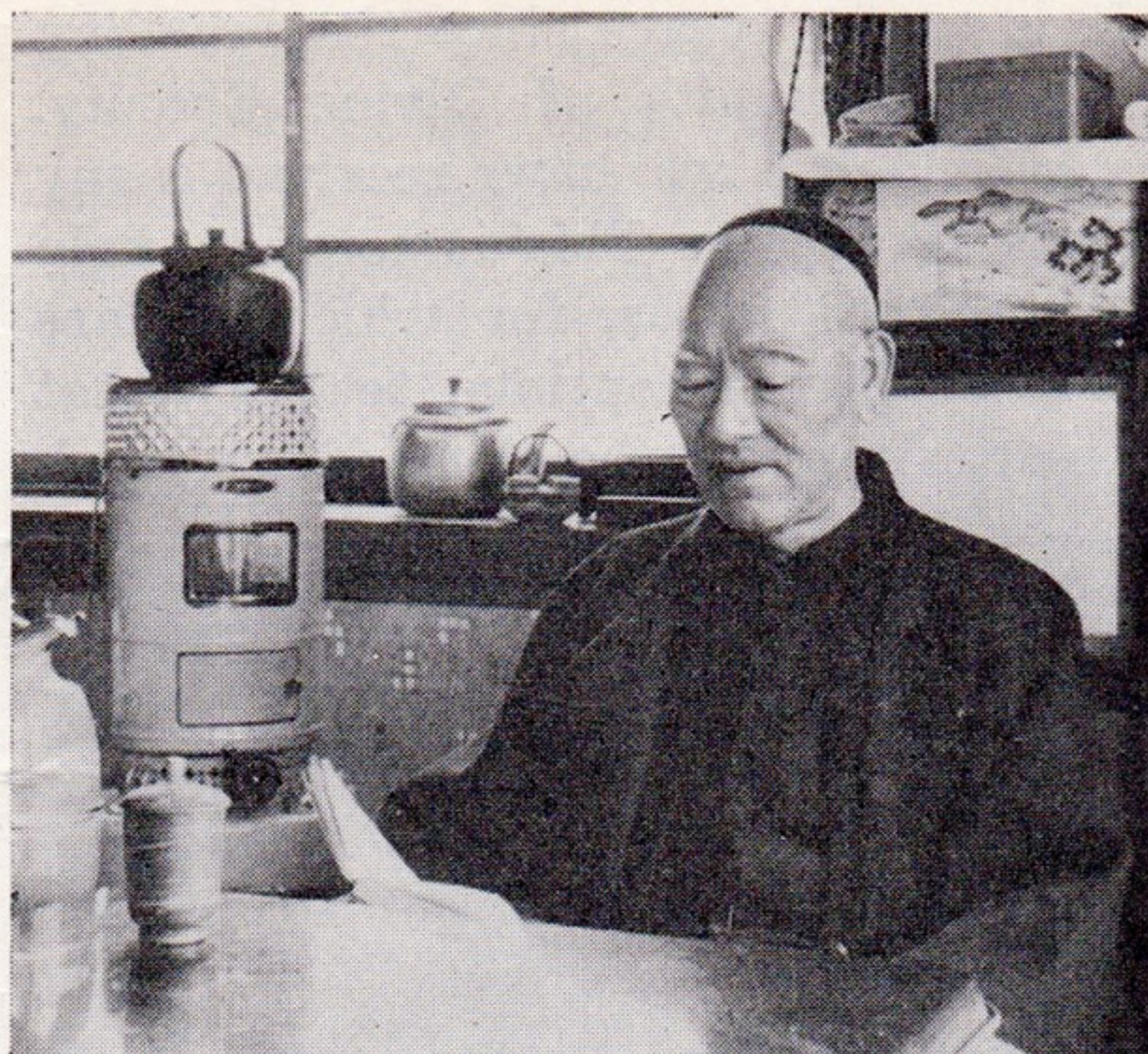
birds' songs being heard, and the green leaves reappearing, the modest lily of the valley being found in the convent garden, we rejoice to see all nature along with us welcoming the feast of our Lord's Resurrection.

Everyone is thankful that after such a long illness the Warden of the Community, Fr. Kimura, SSJE, now seems to be recovering his strength steadily, and appears to be quite well. On the 7th of May he flew to the branch house for his first visit, returning in good health on the 21st.

The people of the Kyoto Diocese have earnestly desired a house of prayer in that region. The plans for the new con-



The new slide at St. Joseph's Kindergarten, Haruna-So.



Fr. Kimura in his room at Haruna-So. vent are almost complete. The site is up on the mountain side. Nearby one can see the towns in both directions, and the sea. Although it is not very near the kindergarten, it will be a place of quiet for prayer and study. The Sisters have a car, and Sr. Francesca Koharazawa passed the examination for her driver's license last fall.

At Haruna we hear the voice of the Uguisu (*a kind of nightingale*) mingle with the voices of the children playing at St. Joseph's Kindergarten. Recently with the assistance of a gift from the Sisters of the Church in Toronto, and the help of the townspeople, a slide and other playground equipment was purchased and erected.

After long thought and planning a guild of Associates called St. Theresa's Guild, friends of the Convent, has been formed. There are now more than 150 members, for which we are thankful. On the 29th of April the first meeting of Associates in the Tokyo Diocese was held. Fr. Owata, chaplain of St. Margaret's School spoke on the main theme of being Associates. It was a happy meeting.

It is twenty years since the founding of the Community of Divine Charity. Inside and out we have received many friends in prayer. This is comfort, help and strength to us, for which we are thankful. Please continue to pray that we may witness to the glory of our Lord.



Fr. Moses Kimata, SSM, in the remodeled Chapel at the Nazareth Convent, Tokyo.

COMMUNITY OF NAZARETH

The visit of Mother Juliet from the Community of the Epiphany, Truro, England, was a great joy and inspiration last autumn. She stayed with us for 6 weeks, going about from Towada and Sendai in the north to Iwata, Wakayama Ken, and Kobe in the south, and also to Okinawa, where our branch house is. On the 20th of November she flew to Melbourne to visit the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name, on the way to New Zealand, her own country. It was twelve years since she left her own home to enter the Religious life in England.

The organization of a Kansai branch

of the Associates was a great occasion, when more than thirty new Associates were admitted, including Presiding Bishop Yashiro. The admission office was conducted at St. Michael's Cathedral, Kobe, on the 6th of November by Bp. Viall. Mother Juliet also attended.

The rearrangement and redecorating of our chapel have contributed to the enhancement of the liturgy, and the new permanent altar is a cause for thanksgiving. The picture on the wall was painted by a member of St. Andrew's Church, Tokyo, just before last Christmas.

On the 5th of January the consecration of the Ven. Edmund Lee Browning as the first Bishop of the newborn Missionary Diocese of Okinawa was held at the hall of Christ the King School (R.C.). All of our Sisters in Okinawa and I attended. There were Sisters and Fathers from several Roman communities and delegates from every Protestant denomination. In the ceremony Bp. Viall, our Warden, read the consents of the Bish-



The Nazareth Sisters at St. George's Convent in Okinawa.

ops. A few days later Bp. Browning paid his first visit to St. George's Convent, accompanying Bp. Viall, and concluded an agreement between the new Diocese and the Sisters in Okinawa.

On the 20th of January, during the Ecumenical Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, we were invited to a meeting which was held at the Convent of the Atonement Sisters in Kawasaki. Some Lutheran clergy also attended. The Preacher was the Rev. Paul Y. Muraoka, the priest of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kawasaki.

I was invited to join a one month retreat (March 7—April 7) which was sponsored by the Federation of Roman Catholic Sisters' Communities in Japan. The retreat was limited to fifteen sisters. The other fourteen came from Hiro-



A Christian grandmother prays in the Calvary Garden, Nazareth Convent.



Fr. Kimata with the novices at the Nazareth Convent, Tokyo, during retreat.

shima, Osaka, and Kobe. The conductor was the Rev. Fr. Evangelista, SJ, who is Spanish. After one month of living together, although keeping silence, we created warm friendship and forged links of understanding one another. The wonderful benefits from this retreat will nourish our Community.

On the 7th of February, a sick woman, Mrs. Maeda, was baptized in our chapel, receiving the name Dorcas. She had had contacts with us for years, and she desired to be baptized before entering the hospital when she was told that she had throat cancer. She went to the hospital from our Convent in quite a changed condition from the day before, when she had arrived there. All the treatments succeeded, and she went home after two months. She is to be confirmed at the church at Hachioji soon.

The Christian grandmother of one of our kindergarten children visits our Calvary garden every morning. She has never missed attending Bible class since her grandson became a kindergarten pupil.

Our Sisters have been invited to join the Roman Catholic Sisters to study a two year theological course for Religious Sisters at Sacred Heart University, Tokyo. The course began the 21st of April. Seven of our Sisters attend four afternoons a week. It is a great opportunity for us.

JAPAN MISSIONS

We have been asked to call the attention of our readers to the Anglican missionary magazine for Japan, JAPAN MISSIONS.

The Japanese Church has given to the missionaries who form the new JAPAN MISSIONS editorial board this charge:

"With your people at home, as between families, please communicate for us the life and the spirit of our Church, reflecting our desire to help in our common Mission of Jesus Christ."

"Thus commissioned, a new kind of magazine is being published. It is in particular for overseas laymen and clergy who have heartstrings in Japan. It is eye-capturing in appearance, filled with pictures and vital human stories of people. It reports happenings inside our Church and out. We present a wide window to catch all the rays lighting this land of the Rising Sun. Clouds, too will be noticed, billowy and stormy both, as these are the kinds of things 'families' do share. Our purpose is to inform the Mind, inspire the Heart, and tighten that Tie that binds," say the editors.

The future of the magazine depends upon the interest shown by subscribers, and potential subscribers. Three issues are being published in 1968, two of which have already been printed. The subscription for the year is \$2.50, £1.—, ¥1,000. Those interested are asked to write directly to the following address:

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Kurume Machi, Kitatama Gun,
Tokyo To, 188.

INTERCESSION

Please pray for—

The Peace of the world.

Safe journeys for Bp. Viall.

The Anglican Religious Communities working in Japan.

More vocations to the Religious Life.

Give Thanks with us for—

Our opportunities to witness for Christ.

The friendship and cooperation of those among whom we live.

Baptisms at St. John's House and Haruna.

Ecumenical friendships and contacts.